

**Pension Application for John Jacobus VanVorst**

S.11624

Declaration. In order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress, passed June 7, 1832.

State of New York

County of Schenectady SS

On the twelfth day of October 1832 personally appeared in open court, before the Court of Common Pleas in the County of Schenectady now sitting, John Jac. Van Vorst, residing in the county of Schenectady and state of New York aged upwards of ninety years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress, passed June 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States, and served as herein stated:

That he was born in the town (now City) of Schenectady on the nineteenth day of January in the year, one thousand seven hundred & forty two and from his birth until the present time, hath always resided there; that from the earliest dawn of the troubles between the mother country and her American Colonies, he has uniformly espoused their cause, and that from the first commencement of hostilities between them, he has ever been the war supporter and steadfast friend of the United States.

That for some time previous to his appointment to the office herein after mentioned, he did his utmost to bring about the freedom and independence of his country.

That in September 1777, he was duly appointed a Waggon Master by Henry Glen Esqr A.D. QuarterMaster General, on his application for that purpose to, and by the authority of the Deputy Quartermaster General of the Northern Department; he the declarer was to receive as compensation the pay of one dollar for each and every day through, and also one & one half [?] diem, that in addition to his own personal services as Waggon [wagon] Master, from the time of his appointment, until the final close of the revolutionary war, he the declarer, at his own individual cost, of twenty eight pounds in specie, in March 1778, furnished a recruit, named John able to enlist & serve as a private in the army for during the war, as by the document hereto annexed may fully appear.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed John Jas Van Vorst

Sworn to and subscribed, the day and yea aforesaid. John S. Vrooman Clerk